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ABSTRACT

The ninth grade unit of the FICSS series (Focus on Inner City Social Studies -- see SO 008 271) studies the economic and political realities of the inner city. This document, the first unit of the 9th grade section, deals with the ecological crises involving pollution and its causes. Specific problems include air pollution, pesticides, herbicides, water pollution, and population control. The unit provides both facts and scope of the crises and direction for positive action by citizens of all ages to aid in correcting the problems. Many of the learning activities in the unit will build skills in chart and graph reading as well as in interpreting pictorial data. Students also learn to utilize library sources and gather and interpret facts from field trips and interviews in an effort to understand their own immediate environment. Specific teaching procedures and strategies and knowledge, skill, and behavioral objectives are outlined to aid the teacher in developing the concepts of the unit. A bibliography of supplementary reading concludes the document. (Author/JR)



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PROJECT FICSS

FOCUS ON INNER CITY SOCIAL STUDIES

Project FICSS is a Federally funded investigation sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. It began on June 12, 1968 and is to conclude in June 1971.

Purposes

According to the project proposal, the purposes of this investigation are: 1. to construct a K 12 inner city social studies curriculum.

- to develop new materials and/or adapt available materials designed to implement the new
 - curriculum, to field test these materials, and revise them as necessar,. to promote in selected central city school systems change in social studies curriculum and instruction which is in accord with the needs and problems of an urban society.

Organization

team from each school district. These teams met together full time in the summers and part-time curriculum design for the inner city. In order to do this they needed to become knowledgeable project, the five district social studies coordinators worked in concert to select a five-man the directorship of Dr. Melvin Arnoff of Kent State University, the original designer of the during the academic year. As a group they received the necessary input and participated in The grant was awarded to the Youngstown Public Schools in conjunction with four other northeastern Ohio school districts, Akron, Canton, Mansfield, and the Youngstown Diocese. studies which helped prepare them for the challenging task of developing a social studies in curriculum theory and the problems of the inner city. Temporary Products

At the end of the first summer of study, some materials (units) were developed for use by curriculum of the participating schools to better balance the treatment of minority groups. were intended as temporary materials. They were designed to meet specific immediate needs in the direction of providing some modest corrections within the prevailing social studies the schools during the ensuing year. These, however, are no longer in print since they

Developing the Curriculum Design

the product of investigation, speculation, review, and revision in accord with practical pedagogy. sacrosanct. As the writing of individual units progressed, it becane clear that some units were Following a series of conferences held during 1968-69 the unit writers from the five school systems had arrived at a tentative K - 12 curriculum design. This design was reviewed by lay and professional persons as well as a 60 man Board of Reactors. It was subsequently revised part and parcel of others, some lacked sufficient content to stand on their own, and others could be better written by revising the intended content. The final design, therefore, is curriculum design was finalized on April 14, 1970. Even this design, however, has not been and expanded to include more detailed outlines of the specific units of each grade level.

Unit Development

As was indicated above, the first products of this project were temporary units intended as first-aid to the obviously unbalanced curricula of the participating schools. These are no longer available.

data were collected on these units as they affected classroom achievement and attitudinal changes After the major portion of the curriculum design was completed during the summer of 1969, six units were developed to be classroom tested during the 1969-70 academic year. Sufficient to permit judicious revision of the materials toward making them more effective in realizing the aims of the curriculum.

The major portion of unit writing was achieved during the summer of 1970. During this time, all of the previously prepared units were revised or modified to be in accord with the April 14, prepared for utilization in 108 classrooms in the five participating districts during the 1970-1970 design. Approximately 50 of the 59 units of the K - 12 design were prepared by the end of the 1970 seven-week writing session. Thirty-six of these units were throughly edited and

Evaluation

The effect of these materials was evaluated via a design developed in accord with guidelines prior to and following the teaching of the first semester units at each grade level, grades 1-12. (Although a pre-test post-test design would have been preferred, fundamental and other considers a modest idea of the effect of each unit was being gained through the administration of achievspecified by the Division of Research, Planning and Development of the Ohio State Department of Education. The design called for the administration of an attitude and an achievement test While the cumulative effects of these units was being evaluated in one set of classrooms, ment post-tests following the teaching of individual units in a second set of classrooms. ations chiiated this possibility.)

Refining the Curriculum Design and Units

analyzed and utilized in unit revision. The units developed for the second semester were used collected due to financial restraints and the improbability of immediately utilizing the data for unit revision prior to the legally imposed concluding date of the Project, June 11, 1971. After the first semester units were classroom implemented and evaluated, the data were in many classrooms, however, complete data on the effectiveness of these materials were not (A three-year project life-span is the maximum allowed under Title 111.)

Utilization of the 'FICSS Curriching Resign and Units by Other School Districts

Grades K- 12. Relevancy here refers to the ability of a curriculum to enable pupils to comprehend the front pages of the newspapers, to understand the variety of ethnic and national cultures and aspirations of the peoples of America, and to be able to deal intelligently with the public It is the firm conviction of the Project staff and unit writers that the FICSS curriculum makes a significant contribution toward developing a relevant social studies curriculum in and personal issues which are germaine to all of these areas.

and, should they find materials in harmony with their view of what is needed in the curriculum, to use these in part or in total, to adopt and/or adant them as they see fit. This way Preject Consequently, every school system is encouraged to review the products of Project FICSS FICSS will truly have served as an exemplory project.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE NINTH GRADE CURRICULUM

The Political and Social Realities of the Inner City

The physical and social realities of urban life are the products of the political and economic factors which foster and sustain them. What is living in metropolitan areas like? What is the quality of life as viewed from various facets? These are some of the questions which the ninth grade segment of the Project FICSS Curriculum seeks to implore.

Specifically the units of this grade are:

.1 Ecology and Health

.2 Income

3.3 City Planning

Food Supply and Distribution

5 Education

6 Crime

3.7 Urban Problems in other Nations

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Further they should be able to make effective entry into that political-economic Through the study of the curriculum of this grade, students in an urban setting should become n a position to make personal choices concerning the kind of environment in which they would quality of life to which they are exposed. Armed with such understandings they may then be system as adults so that they can effectively work toward the constructive devalopment of familiar with some of the major political, economic, and social factors which affect the improved environment. like to live.

SCOPE OF UNITION

unit provides not just the facts and scope of the crisis but helps or that aspect of it dealing with pollution and its causes. This This unit is the first in the ninth grade sequence which studies major problems facing all people today is the ecological crisis, provide direction for positive action which citizens of all ages the aconomic political realities of the inner city. One of the can undertake to help correct the problem.

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Introduction to a Unit Teaching Strategy Incorporated in FICSS Units

Suggested Teaching Procedures and Introductory Activities

Teaching Procedures

consistent with the "learn by doing" theories of John Dewey which have been corroborated by Piaget. These units are based on a depth study strategy approach. It is felt that this method is

The basic steps for this stategy consist of introductory activities conducted by the teacher which excite the interest of the student and cause him to ask questions about the new study. questions serve as an introduction to the scope of the topic.

The students, working in groups, or individually, research the questions they have raised and categorized. Each student contributes to the committee work in his own special way and at the

same time develops the ability to work in a group situation.

meaning to that which they found. From this description, then, it is seen where the depth study strategy these experiences students would not necessarily be told the meaning of the data they would encounter nor would the data necessarily be presented to them. They would have to search for it and to bring studies education is that which is directed toward providing inquiry experiences for the pupil. One of the most easily recognized trends in the development of recent thought in social proposed here is in concert with the spirit of inquiry.

and restructure their information. After hearing each of the presentations the teacher leads the class hypotheses and generalizations. Again the facts and understandings are used to develop the culminating to recall and use the new data. Each time, of course, the information is called for in a new context When the group prepares its presentation for the class, they have many occasions to review activity. Although each of these activities is somewhat different, they all are forms of review or in an overview and helps them gain perspective on the topic. The facts gained are used to devel p reuse of acquired information. The student, then, is involved in no less than three opportunities

6. In a depth study approach, the teacher assumes the role of the structurer of learning activities. The class could conceivably ask the teacher to talk to them about a specific topic or to discuss a film Also, however, the teacher is the most readily available resource person, both for process and content. or filmstrip. If the teacher has had special experiences which are pertinent to the study, the class call upon him to show slides or to deliver a special talk,*



^{*}information taken from a monograph by Dr. Melvin Arnoff.

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AN OUTLINE OF A TEACHING STRATEGY INCORPORATED INTO FICSS UNITS

PHASE

1. Introduction

PURPOSE

Motivation of students

Listing students' questions

Organization of ideas. Experience in critical thinking.

Categorization of questions by students

Raising Questions

Forming and instructing Committees

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Grouping for social or psychological ends. Placement of responsibility for learning upon the shoulders of students.

To let student know they are defining, pursuing, and reporting their own study.

To aid students in identifying desired organizational schemes for small groups and to help them define the responsibilities and behaviors or leaders and group members.

To aid students in locating, recording, organizing and presenting information.

Tasks

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Methods of Researching Information

V. Information Retrieval

VI. Committee Reports

VII. Perspective and overview

VIII. Developing Hypotheses and Generalizations

1X. Culminating Experiences

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PURPOSE

To allow students the opportunity to answer their own questions, to employ their library skills, to develop critical thinking and logical organization of data.

To develop and rehearse the presentation to the class.

To hear the reports of each committee which has sought answers to the questions of the class.

To integrate the findings of the committee reports, to note trends, like nesses and differences when compared with other examples known by the students.

To study the information presented to discover some basic principles of the social sciences which may be operant.

To gain further perspective and to enhance recall.*

MINIMUM ESSENTIAL MATERIALS (FICSS KIT)

	Resource	Teacher	Pupil	Total Copies	Price
-	The Silent Spring, Rachel Carson New York: Crest, 1969 @ 95¢	 -	-	7	\$ 1.90
2.	The Environmental Handbook, Garrett DeDell New York: Dallentine Books, Inc., 1970 @ 95¢	grain	<u>5</u>	16	15.20
m	The Population Bomb, Paul Ehrich New York: Ballentine Books, Inc., 1968 @ 95¢		'n	rv.	4.25
4	The Frail Ocean, Wesley Marx New York: Ballentine Books, Inc., 1969 @ 95¢		'n	5	4
'n	Famine 1975, Win & Paul Paddock Boston: Little Brown & Co., 1967 @ \$7.95		7	7	15.00
9	Moment in The Sun, Robert & Leona Reinow Dallentine Books, 1969 @ 95¢		4	rv	4.25
7.	SST And Sonic Boom Handbook, William A. Shurchill New York: Dallentine Books, 1969 @ 95¢		45	·	4.25
ထံ	Ecotactics, Mitchell & Stallinger Ed. New York: Pocket Books @ 95¢		ľ	૭	5.20
ં	Our Precarious Habitat, Benerde, Molvin A. New York: W. W. Norton & Co., Inc., 1970 @ \$4.95	govina		frue	4.95



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Filmstrips:

Cilo "Air Pollution And You", color @ \$7.50 NYT "The Population Explosion" @ \$6.00

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OBJECTIVES

Know ledge

The pupil will know that:

- The basic cause of air pollution is the imperfect burning of fuel for heating and propulsion.
- Major type of air pollution from automobiles is carbon monoxide.
- Photo-chemical smog is a product of the sum acting on car fumes.
- Smog can be caused by temperature inversions when a layer of warm air is sandwiched between two layers of cooler air.
- Air pollution is linked to respiratory diseases such as bronchitis.
- Air pollution causes destruction to buildings, crops and forestation.
- The major sources of air pollution are automobiles and industry.
- The major piece of federal legislation to combat air pollution is the Air Quality Act of 1967.
- The major pesticides are DDT, Parathion and Malathion. જં
- Pesticides are used to control insects. ္_
- Pesticides do not easily decompose. =
- Pesticides are transferred in the food chain to humans. 12.
- Herbicides are used to kill vegetation. <u>.</u>





Objectives (Cont.)

14. "Dead water" is caused by oxygen depletion.

Water pollution may be physical (phosphates), biological, physiological or physical (temperature), 15.

16. The demand for water will double by 1980.

17. Polluted water carries diseases and kills aquatic life.

18. The major water sources in the U. S. are dying.

The major method of treating water is through city water treatment plants where the water is settled and then treated with chemicals. <u></u>

The major piece of federal legislation for water pollution is the Federal Water Quality Act of 1965. 20.

21. The doubling time for population is presently 35 yearss.

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22. The world population is out-running the food supply.

New synthetic foods - with higher protein content - are being developed. 23.

The refuse problem is getting out of hand - 5 lbs./person/day. 24.

25. People are the cause of air and water pollution.

Industrial power accounts for 42% of all power used, and such power causes pollution. 26.

27. Industries cause the greatest amount of waste.

28. Our conspicuous consumpsion adds to the pollution problem.

Objectives (Cont.)

- Advertising creates our desire for products which are polluters. 29.
- Recycling natural resources is one of the major ways of not exhibiting per resources and of reducing the rate of pollution. 30.

Major terms: pollution (water and air) temperature inversion carbon monoxide sulfur dioxide herbicide pesticide ecology Smog

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The student will be able to:

- Read charts and graphs and interpret pictorial materials.
- Utilize library resources books, magazines, newspapers.
- Gather facts from field trips and interviews.
- Write letters for information and expression of opinion
- Run experiments to test for water and air pollution. 'n
- Speak and write with accuracy and poise. ં

Skills (Cont.)

Participate in committee oriented tasks - as a leader or a participant.

8. Do individual investigation.

9. Make simple outlines of materials read.

Attitudes

The student will:

Recognize that pollution in all its ramifications is everyone's concern.

Have a positive committment to work to help eliminate the problems of pollution. 5

Believe that even individual efforts can be effective.

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Delieve that efforts to identify, and control the problem must be made now-time is of the essence.

Recognize that poliution is one of the most vital issues of our age. 'n

Recognize that pollution and people cannot be separated - that pollution is a matter of degree or quantity. ું

Behaviors

The student will:

de courteous when conducting interviews, working in groups or taking field trips.

Recognize that orderly discussion can be accomplished best through one person speaking at a time.

Behaviors (Cont.)

3. Listen attentively when others are speaking.

Decome actively involved in some aspect of the fight against pollution in school and out. Make an effort to do something individually to combat pollution (keep the school yard free of litter), (stop smoking?), (walk?). ķ



STRATEGY

Introductory Activities

To interest the pupils in the study of pollution and its causes.

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Analyze samples of water taken from the water tap and a nearby lake, stream or pond using the following simple tast::

Methylene Blue Test for Blochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)
Methylene blue is a chemical indicator that is
blue in the presence of oxygen and turns yellow
or colorless when a large amount of carbon dioxide
is present. Collect various samples of water and
test each one. The more polluted samples will
save lower amounts of oxygen (turn yellow or
colorless). This test does not indicate the amount
of oxygen that is present so it has limited
quantitative value.

2. To study the amount of air pollution in various sites around the city and in the country. Use plain filter paper which has been weighed and the weight recorded. Place a number of these papers in various locations for a specific length of time (12 hrs., 24 hrs., 36 hrs., etc.). Collect the samples and reweigh. This will give a simple example of the amount of accumulation in a given period of time in a given place.

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 Display numerous pictures of examples of all types of pollution (the more dramatic the better) around the classroom. 4. Set up a book display using the kit and additional ... materials which should be available for browsing.

MATERIALS

Methylene Blue is a standard organic due available in drug stores or from the chemistry or biology teacher in your school.

Filter paper.

Scientific scale.

Pollution photos.

FICSS Kit.

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Display a graph or chart depicting population growth.

(see charts and films in kit)

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Introductory
Strategy
(Cont.)

- MATERIALS
 (Kit) "The Population Explosion".
- 6. Show pictures of areas of Viet Nam which have been sprayed with herbicides.
- 7. Play a tape from the local airport, traffic at a major intersection, in an office or factory, etc.: to demonstrate the noise problem.
- 8. Play the song from Hair, "Sulfur Dioxide".
- Display pictures of wild life which have suffered or died from pollutants.

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10. Read excerpts from the Silent Spring or the Environmental Handbook.

(Books in kit)

- Have current newsclippings about the ecology crisis
 displayed around the room.
- 12. Read portions of or play tapes of Ralph Nader's speeches.
- 13. Show pictures which indicate conjection in the cities, on the highways, and at recreation facilities.

(in kit)

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

STRATEGY

11. Raising
Questions

Purpose:

For students
to form a
basis on which
to investigate
the various
demensions
implied in the
title of the
unit.

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Students sbboud ask their own questions to facilitate the development of a studentstructured unit.

Potential questions which the students might ask after a priencing the introductory activities:

What are the major types of air pollution?

What are the major types of water pollution?

What is pesticide pollution?

What are the major causes of this pollution?

5. How do the numbers of people affect the amount of pollution.

6. How does industry cause pollution?

7. What is being done about the problem?

8. What can I do?

The students based on their questions NOT necessarily those listed section of this unit contains only a small aggment of will be the guiding force for direction of research then more introductory activities are nor phrased as the students might really ask the called for. (It is hoped that there will be many The point is that they should ask: Maybe 30 or 40). The content This list of questions is not all inclusive nformation in answer to these questions. more questions. they don't, questions. above. Note:

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iii. Categorizing Questions

Furpose:

To determine the number of committees needed to investigate the topics.

To organize basic ideas that should be explored.

3. To gain experience in critical thinking.

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To identify eseveral areas of pollution control which need to be studied.

A. Although one cannot anticipate the exact questions students will raise and the categories they will devise, it is possible that the following categories will appear. The written form of this unit is organized in the following manner:

1. Air Pollution - - - Pink section

2. Pesticides - - - - Blue section

3. Water Pollution- - - -Yellow section

4. Population - - - Green section

5. Industry -----Pink section

Learning Activities

Materia

Formation of and Instructions to Committees 2

the necessary tesks of the To identify committees

cooperative efforts. Thus they do recommend the committee as the agent for seeking factual information. The committee organization also allows for individual excellence The students may wish to work in groups to pursue those, topics which most interest them. The content might also pupils learn the skills and the problems associated with be revealed through a more traditional approach but the especially as it is perceived as effecting group goals. FICSS unit writers believe it of great importance that

Activities

Discuss and decide on something like this:

Class discussion concerning:

- The tasks of a committee
- The roles of committee persons. How to find information.

- Content
- Tasks of Committees Ä
- Random choosing Organize committee by teacher or students.
- choices on slips Students rank of paper. ٠.
- ter to be explored. of their interest in subject matchoice on basis Student's ວ່
 - (may be homogenous to achieve balance within a committee or heterogeneous) Using sociograms þ.
- all 1's on committee, Number selectionoff, 1,2,3, etc. students in the classroom count committee, etc. all 2's second
 - Utilize class questions as starting point for planning committee work.
 - Add new questions suggested by committee members.
- Assign research, find information, coordidevelop and present. nate information,

desired roles To determine in committee operation. 2

Content

Roles in a Committee æ

Leader

become a part of the Help make everyone group.

Let everyone have his turn at the "good" group jobs.

Get ideas from all members of the group. ů

which ideas are best. Let the group decide ÷

to get its job finished in the best way it can. Keep the group moving

Keep from being "bossy"

Help your group decide what its job is.

Group Members 2

Help the leader carry out plans.

Do your share of the work.

Work without disturbing

Ask other members for other group members.

their ideas.

Select only those ideas which help the group do its best work.

the group wants you to do. Cheerfully take the jobs

the group feel welcome; Make other members of

Learning Activity

Strategy

desired rcles in committee To determine operation. 2

Information To. Identify sources for obtaining necessary

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Content

Material

Secretary

Record group decision

Verify motions and

decisions

coordinating research Ald committee in

Finding information (See Section 1)

Textbooks and books
a. Use of index
b. Use of glossary, appendix, map lists, illustrations

Encyclopedias

Use of key words; letters Index, class on volume,

reference

World Almanac

Pamphlets

Pictures

Filmstrips

Charts, cartoons, posters,

graphs

Records

Community

Discussion possibilities for presentation:

Reports

panel and round table discussions

Show visual aids

Make and show graphs and

charts

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

SUGGESTED INFORMATION RETRIEVAL ACTIVITIES

- The various cammittees, at this point-Ä
 - determine their tasks
- assign responsibilites
 - research their topics
 - organize their data make a presentation

in this unit is on the committees doing their own research, it is Since the emphasis information for the teacher or student and not as a substitute Some content materials have been included that might be useful recommended that the content materials be used as backbround as resources for the teacher and the student. for student investigation.

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be somewhat different from what the authors of this unit have in-Dut that is as it It is difficult to project the extent of student research. in all probability, the substance of student research will cluded in the content portion of this unit.

Students may need instruction in the use of the basic library research tools such as

[Lader's Guide to Perfedical Liturature specialized indexes reard.catelyg

They should also not forget that resources other than library resources exist, such as:

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LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- Committees #1 and #3 Air and Water Pollutica. For
 - Kit materials The Environmental Handbook and Ecotactics; also pamphlets in the resource section of this unit.
 - Local Air Pollution Control Board or Regional Offices.
- their feelings about pollution problems and control. People on the street who can be surveyed concerning , C
 - Films see resources. ¥q.
- *e•
- for federal regulations, also the Department of the Interior. National, weekly magazines such as Life, Look. Health, Education, and Welfare Department in Washington
 - Daily newspapers and iV news broadcasts or special ķ ģ
 - Public Health Department. documentaries.
- Water treatment plant field trip,
- Committee #2 Pesticides. For Ś
- Agent who can tell about the Kit book - The Silent Spring. County Agricultural Extension use and misuse of pesticides.
- Committee #4 Population. For
- Kit books; films and books listed in the resource section.
 - Demographer from the local university.
- Committee #5 Industry. For
- Kit books; films and books in resource section.
- Management of large factories who can be interviewed to
- find out what they are doing about pollution. Advertisements which are examples of ecological dishonasty.
 - Tapes of Ralph Nader's KSU speech in kit.

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5. Generally those resources listed in 1 and * can be used by all groups. Also pages 276-78 in Ecotactics list agencies and groups involved with all phases of the problem.





introduction to the topic:

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of creation is in striking contrast to earlier and more primitive religions which saw divinity in all of creation. Because of the Judeo-Christian tradition and the abundance of natural resources, item in creation was put here to serve man's purpose. This view crisis are many, but there are three main reasons. Two fairly recent publications have suggested that the origin of our we not only have used the fruits of our environment, we have Ecology has become an important issue recently and has been ecological crisis is in the Judeo-Christian tradition which superior to it. From this tradition it follows that every given the title of a crisis. The causes of our ecological teaches that man was created apart from his world and is abused them.

Allen, an ecologist from Purdue University, recently pointed out Another reason for ecological crisis is the population explosion at large has passed the optimum level of population. Any living that, "There appears to be unmistakable evidence that the world thing that is successful destroys the source of its livelihood that has stretched our resources to the breaking point. and disappears with the community on which it depends."

and principles of ecology. Our ignorance is manifest in our almost The third reason that we are faced with an ecological crisis, and perhaps the most basic reason, is ignorance. Americans have for two generations been almost completely ignorant of the concepts indifferent attitude to the problems that confront us and our nand-wringing anguish with our attempts to solve them.

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Introduction to the topic: (Cont.)

A fourth element that we should stress in our teaching is the interrelationships that exist between the various components in the environment. We have to help students to understand that it took millions of years through a slow gradual process for delicate interrelationships to be established. We cannot disturb these relationships without causing havoc. We also have to impress people with the fact that we are not divorced from our environment but are an integral part of it. Every time another species of plant or animal becomes extinct, every time a lake dies, we lose a part of our lives.

Another concept we must try to get across is that the only thing constant in nature is change; a pond becomes a swamp, which becomes a meadow which eventually becomes a forest. But students should realize that these changes differ drastically from the man-made assaults on the environment. Natural changes are gradual with sublte checks and balances allowing for almost unnoticeable adjustments by plant and animal life. These gradual changes do not have the devastationg effect that the overnight conversion of a salt marsh into a parking lot has on the environment.

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Air Pollution

1. Air Pollution

- A. Definition presence in the air of substances in amounts great enough to interfere directly or indirectly with our comfort and safety, or with our enjoyment of property.
- B. Some facts and figures.
- . 125-150 million tons of pollutants poured into the air per year or 390,000 tons every 24 hours.

 . Detween 85 and 90 per cent of U. S. air pollution
- Between 85 and 90 per cent of U. S. air pollution consists of largely invisible yet potentially deadly gases.
 - 3. Each citizen now pays \$65.00 per year for pollution in the form of property deteriation and maintenance while its cure would cost only be per person.
 - while its cure would cost only 40¢ per person. 4. A New Yorker breathing that city's air inhales the equivalent of 38 cigarettes a day.

Causes

- Population growth and urbanization are the underlying causes of all air pollution.
 - 2. The basic cause is the imperfect burning of fuel and other materials.
 This includes:
- · Fuel for heating and electricity.
- 1) Sulfur compounds are emitted from burning heavy fuel, oil and coal, for heating, for industry, and private dwellings in the form of smoke.
 - 2) As they burn, the sulfur combines with oxygen to form sulfur oxides which can damage crops, flowers, trees, building and stone buildings.

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23 million tons of sulfur oxides pollute the air each year.

No economical method has yet been found to remove sulfur from heavy fuel oil.

Sulfur dioxide combines with water to produce sulfuric acid which eats away stone buildings Rome's Coliseum is threatened as are the Greek bronze horses in Venice's St. Mark's Square. and statues. G

Hydrogen sulfide can blacken lead-based house paint and tarnish silver and copper.

Metals corrode in sulfur rich air.

The New York or London type "smog" pollution is the result of this type of burning. 3

imperfect gasoline combustion produces 66million tons imperfect burning of fuel for automotive transporation. Ď.

of carbon monoxide a year, plus hydro-carbons and sulfur compounds.

smog - the major air pollution problem in Los Angeles. of this complex chemical interaction is photochemical The effect of the sun on the car fumes creates ozone The result and an eye burning compound called PAN. 2

Temperature inversion. 8

of pollution in the trapped air increases drastically. carry away air pollutants. If the wind dies away, lower ground level cool air is unable to rise and the possibility of abnormally high concentrations An inversion occurs when a layer of warm air is sandwiched between two layers of cooler air.

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Air Pollution (Cont.)

occurs in the late fall or early winter The massive type of inversion usually months. È

in California, the cool sea air slides under the warm land air very frequently --- 260-270 ᢒ

Radioactive pollutants. days per year. 7

Most of these come from nuclear device testing. In high concentration, they may cause great varities of damage to the body. Therefore are difficult to control.

Air Pollution and Health. <u>.</u>

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1. No death certificates have cited poliuted air as a cause of death because air pollution cannot be pinpointed as the exclusive cause.

Respiratory diseases linked to air pollution 7

L:brobehitis

emphysema - has been doubling every 5 years

illness and death increase during periods of intense pollution, especally among people whose condition is already weakened. lung cancer - 50,000 deaths a year

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Air Pollution Disasters <u>ئ</u>ا ن.

inversion over a heavily industrialized area caused 60 deaths, 6,000 illnesses in 5 days. 1. Meuse Valley of Belgium, Dec. 1930.

2. London, December 1952

fraffic virtually stopped and cattle at an animal show 5 days; 4,000 deaths.

choked and died.

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Air Pollution (Cont.)

inversion over industrial valley trapped pollutants Donora, Pennsylvania, October 1948.

for 6 days, killing 20 people and making 14,000 ill. New York, Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 1966.

"Price" of Pollution. The added cost of living per person in a heavily polluted area can be over \$200 per year.

and increases house cleaning. (80 tons a month in New York) See effects of sulfur dioxide in Section C, 2. The heavy load of soot which falls raises cleaning bills

Reduced visibility causes highway and airplane accidents. Oxidants cause rubber to crack so we have to buy new

The New Jersey Turnpike was blacked out by smog 23 times million; more elsewhere; the cost is passed along to the Agricultural losses in California are estimated at \$100

crops - grapes, beans, alfalfa, beets - have been damaged Pollution attacks and kills plants. Many New Jersey over 36 varities); consumer.

Effect on trees. ...**.**

Flourides from an aluminum ore plant in Washington killed ponderosa pine 50 miles away.

White pine died 30 miles away from an iron smelting 17,000 acre area in Tennessee is completely barren.

plant in Ontario.

Ponderusa pines in San Bernardino Mts. in California are dying due to Los Angeles smog 50 miles away and 5,000 feet below.

Evaporated gasoline costs car owners \$3 billion per year. The sulfur which goes up chimneys of power plants and factories is worth \$300 million a year.

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Air Pollution (Cont.)

G. The fight against Pollution.

1. 1966 - only 58% of the urban population is served by meagre local air pollution programs.

2. Every major city has a pollution problem.

 The total budget for all air pollution control agencies was \$14.3 million - 40% of that was spent in California.

4. Control devices for factories.

a. Electrostatic precipitators can remove 99% of the fly ash from smoke stack gases.

b. Higher smoke stacks.

.. Activated charcoal can reduce odors.

 Basic oxygen furnaces are replacing open hearth furnaces in the steel industry.

5. Automobiles.

monoxide or sulfur compounds, but do produce ozone. At the present stage of development, however, these cars lack power and need to be recharged after going only short distances.

Ford Motor Company and Mobile 011 Company (1967) began a \$7 million program to develop a fume-free gasoline powered automobile.

c. New federal laws require devices to eliminate emission of hydrocarbons from exhausts. (it will take 10 years bef e 85% of the cars have these devices). They are not effective, however, unless the automobile owner keeps them in top condition.

H. Political action.

 Unless people see the need, first hand, they tend to be apathetic and refuse to approve tax increases for pollution control.

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Air Pollution (Cont.)

. Many politicians, especially on the local level, are reluctant to push industries to get them to control their pollution.

Clean Air Act of 1963.

Money available to establish state and local air pollution control programs \$3.1 federal aid for regional programs.

Federal criteria for clean air.

: Federal government can intervene in interstate air pollution problems.

. Air Quality Act of 1967.

a. This act will cost over 400 million dollars for three years.

 Approximately one million dollars of this money will be used for research into the control pollution due to fumes.

 The Act gives the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare emergency power.

 If he decides that a sizeable health hazard exists in a polluted area, he would have the authority to request that the court virtually shut down the area.

2) The court could conceivably shut down factories and halt all auto travel.

3) But the Act does not set air pollution standards. This is up to the state.

. National Air Pollution Control administration at Cincinnati is doing research on the effect of air pollution on health.

6. Public Health Service helps promote action against interstate problems

. Local citizens action groups:

a. Citizens for Land, Air and Water Use. b. Citizens for Clean Air.

Air Pollution Control Association.

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Pesticides =

Pesticides which are made from chemicals.

Si lent Spring

Pesticides

DDT has been the most commonly used incsect pesticide.

Filled a gread need for combating disease carriers and lowering disease level. So effective in controlling insects that Was introduced in 1946.

tremendous quantitéshhave been usec.

1 million pounds - 1946.

billion pounds - 1965.

does not break down rapidly, so it accumulates In soil and enters streams, lakes and oceans.

About one-half of it remains unchanged after 20 years.

The other half is changed to DDE which is still toxic.

contaminates the entire food chain.

it is soluble in water where there are universal low level concentrations.

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t enters minute aquatic organisms (plankton) low concentrations.

s very soluble in fat and remains there until at in organism: is used.

he concentration increases as the organism continues to feed and take in water.

f organism uses its own fat for energy, it becomes 11 or dies.

Concentration of DDT becomes higher as one animal aats others.

DDT is in every American's fat because man is a high order consumer.

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Pesticides (Cont.)

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It affects photosynthesis in plants. causes problems within organisms. 4.

it affects reproduction in plants.

it is thought to be related to the cause of it affects the reproduction in animals.

it causes a breakdown in sex hormones. tumors in mice.

it reduces the effectiveness of many drugs. it may cause calcium deficiency in bones.

can be transferred, 'n

From mother to offspring.

From cattle in milk.

From fruits and vegetables. From chickens in eggs.

Insects have built an immunity to DDT. 9

Some are not killed (resistant strains). Larger doses are required.

Elimination of the problem.

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contract to the Aerojet-General Corporation The government has recently awarded a to develop a self-destructing DDT.

matter of hours or a few days. Now it takes weakens the strength of the pesticide in a a catalyst that combined with a pesticide The process devised involves developing DDT 10 to 12 years to decompose. <u>.</u>

Synthetic Pesticides. ຜູ້

Parathion is a chlorinated hydrocarbon with phosphates and sulfur also present.

One of the most widely used organic phosphates and also one of the most toxic.

Christian Science (Aug. 14, 1970) Monitor

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Pesticides (Cont.)

About 7 million pounds of parathion are

now applied to fields and orchards in the U.S. The amount used in California farms alone provide ь.

a lethal dose for 5 to 10 times for the whole world's population.

s lethal to humans. 2

it is the favorite instrument for suicide in Finland.

California reports an average of more than 200 cases of accidental parathion poisoning annually.

100 fatal cases in India per year.

336 fatal cases in Japan per year. 67 fatal cases in Syria per year. i ë

Example: نب ن

TOBACCO PESTICIDE CAN KILL ITS USER

Boyette came to a store here to buy pesticides. Pink Hill, N.C. -- After he planted his nine acres of tobacco this Spring, Claren Lee

4ug. 23, 1970

Akron Beacon Journal

> he bad used for more years than he could recollect. riddle tobacco leaves -- something like DDT, which He wanted something to kill the worms that can

all the farm experts said it was a "sure-fire killer." to qualify for government price supports. Parathion went by the local trade name of "Big Bad John," and DDT could not be used on tobacco if a farmer wanted The man at the store suggested parathion because

his crop, Boyette said. But his youngest son, Daniel, 7, is dead. Another son, Curtis, 11, barely escaped AND SO it was. No budworms or hornworms 'worrled" They were poisoned by parathion. death.

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Pesticides (Cont.)

CONTENT

people, have occurred across this tobaccoparathion poisoning, mostly among young Several dozen other cases of serious growing state this Summer (1970).

center report five fatalities since late July. State health officials are sure at least two of the deaths came from exposure in sprayed Doctors at Duke University's poison centrol tobacco fields.

deadly outbreak this year represents a classic placed by another, less familiar one, such as Although parathion poisoning is not new, the conscious: society when one pesticide is recase of what can happen in an environmentparathion or related organic phosphates.

toxic than DDT, for it is a member of the same chemical family as the nerve gas that the army Parathion decomposes fairly fast, but presents a more immediate threat. It is 300 times more dumped in the Atlantic Ocean recently.

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fatalities, were traced to parathion, which is Six of the nine pesticide poisoning cases in Dade County, Fla., this year including two used extensively on vegetables.

Parathion can be dangerous for several weeks after it is sprayed on a crop.

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Pesticides (Cont.)

still on the leaf. The skin readily absorbs parathion. It is most lethal during application breath vapors from it or touch the chemical by spraying or when the liquid is spilled. Workers going into a sprayed field can

Synthetic pesticide - malathion.

- Malathion is a chlorinated hydrocarbon.
- is widely used by gardeners, in household insecticides, in mosquito spraying.
 - Used for blanket attacks in Florida for the Mediterranean fruit fly.
 - s dangerous to man.
- It does damage to the human nervous system. ë
- It has produced muscular weakness in the legs of people who have come in direct contact with it.
- Herbicides (used to kill yegetation). <u>.</u>
- 2-4-0 and 2, 4, 5 T are the most commonly used.
 - Both long lasting in soil and water.
 - They are used extensively
- For roadside weed control.
- For weed control in crop production.
- For defoliation of trees in Viet Nam on a huge scale.
 - exposed mothers in Viet Nam where massive accumuations is shought to cause hirth defects among children of Causes birth deformations in experimental animals. i ÷

have occurred.

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Committee #2 Pesticides

(Cont.)

Organophosphates - the most deadly chemicals known to man.

 Over 75,860,000 pounds were produced in the U.S. in 1968.

. One drop in the skin will kill a human being in 30 seconds.

3. No one is allowed in a field for 15 days after spraying.

4. This is the spray used on most food crops in the U. S. today.

 The residues are usually invisible and in most states, except for California, the farm worker: has no idea of what has been sprayed on the crop.

According to Edward Jester, president and director of Central California Medical Laboratories and a noted expert in the field of organophosphate poisoning, it is possible for consumers to come into contact with fruits or vegetables which still contain active residues.

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V. Information Retrieval Committee #3

Water Pollution

Water Pollution =

conditions such as offensive odors, floating Depletion of oxygen with consequent septic A. Definition

masses of sludge, and death of fish and other

Some waterways undergo self-purification through activities of bacteria, sedimentation and energy it can be replaced by natural aeration or photoof sunlight. If oxygen is removed faster than synthesis, pollution may result. aquatic life. 2

Types of poilutants.

1. Chemical (organic and Inorganic)

mill wastes; laundry wastes, slaughterhouse Dairy, textile, cannery, brewery and paper-

Phosphates, nitrates and potassiwn aid weed growth and promote algae blooms which deplete issued the following list of laundry products oxygen. The Department of the interior has and their percentage of phosphates: ۵.

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Pre-soaks: Biz, 73.9 per cent; Enzyme Brion, 71.4; Amway Trizyme, 71.2; Axion, 63.2.

Laundry detergents: Blue Rain Drops, 63.2; Salvo, 56.6; Tide, 49.8; Amway SA-8, 49.3; Coldwater Surf, 48.2; Drive, 47.4; Oxydol, 46.6; Bold, 45.4; Cold Water All powder, 45.4; Ajax Laundry, 44.6.

Rinso with chlorine bleach, 41.0; Gain, 39.5; Duz, 38.3; Bestline B-7, 38.0; Cheer, 36.3. Cold Power, 44.6; Punch, 44.2; Dreft, 41.9;

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Water Pollution (Cont.)

Fab, 34.8; White King with borax, 34.7; Royalite, 21.7; Instant Fel Soap, 16.6; Wish liquid, 14.2; Par Plus, 4.3; Addit Liquid, 2.2; Ivory Liquid, 1.9; Lux Liquid, 1.9; White King Soap and Coldwater ALL liquid, less than 1 per cent.

Automatic dishwasher detergents: Amway, 60; Cascade, 54.5; ALL, 54.0; Calgonite, 49.4; Electrosol, 34.8.

Household cleaners: Ajax all Purpose, 28.5; Mr. Clean, 27.0; Whistle, 3.1; Pinesol, less than I per cent.

Misceldaneous: Snowy Bleach, 36.4; Borateem, Downy and Amway Dish Drops, all less than I per cent.

t per cent.c. inorganic salts.

2. Biological pollutants.

Microscopic animal and plant forms such as

protozoa and viruses which transmit disease.

Objectionable tastes and odors due to inorganic chemicals such as hydrogen sulfide.

4. Physical effects.

a. Foaming, color, turbidity and increased temperature,

kill plants and animals in water. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources recently sued the Ohio Sugar Company of Freemont for the loss of fish because of discharges of hot water from its plant.

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Water Pollution (Cont.)

. The warmer the water, the less oxygen it contains.

contains.
5. Factors that alter the composition of water:

• Dust particles and gases are filtered out of the atmosphere by snow and are trapped in snow banks.

bended solids to the water.

. Mine acid wastes have a severe effect on the pH and the chemical composition of the water.

. Industrial gases are washed from the atmosphere by falling rain and snow.

 Crop dusting contributes to both air and water pollution.

f. Rainwater leeches chemicals from the soil which run off into streams and rivers.

1. Large quantities of soluable fertilizer salts plus insecticides and herbicides are washed into water.

h. Domestic septic systems ultimately pass to ground water supplies.

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i. Heat laden waters from powerplants induce thermal pollution.

• Oil leaks from vessels and offshore drilling operations can be disastous as

k. Municipal water treatment plants must be carefully managed.

NOTE: Our technological society makes it mandatory that
we accept a certain degree of pollution. It is
impossible to have totally "pure" water. Therefore,
it is necessary to discover the degree of waste a
body of water can tolerate without harmful conditions.

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Water Pollution (Cont.)

C. Demand for water.

The average city family of 4 uses about 600 gallons of water per day.

A typical large city uses 70 million gallons of water per day resulting in:

17 tons organic suspended solids.

 17 tons organic dissolved solids (including a ton of detergents).

. 8 ton inorganic dissolved solids.

3. Industry requires 5 gallons of water to produce a gallon of gasoline, 10 gallons to produce each can of vegetables, 25,000 gallons to process one ton

of steel, 50,000 to produce 1 ton of paper.

D. Scope of the pollution problem and some examples.

1. Health effects on man.

Produces serious diseases and can cause death.

 b. 228 known outbreaks of disease or poisoning attributed to polluted drinking water from 1946-1960.

 Water borne outbreaks result in typhoid fever, dysenteries, viruses and infectious hepatitis.

d. Parasitic life forms such as tapeworm, hookworm and blood flukes are often present.

e. Fumes and water odors often affect breathing and irritate the eyes, nose and throat.

2. Effect on other living organisms.

 Lack of oxygen in the water affects fish.
 I) The caviar and sturgeon fishing industry in New York's Hudson River has completely disappeared.

2) Lake Erie fish companies are being driven out of business due to the lack of fish.

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Water Pollution (Cont.)

3) Mercury poisoning of fish in Lake Erie.

4) 5 million fish killed in 1963 by endrina pesticide polluting the water.

Water fowl are killed directly or indirectly by polluted water-they eat the contaminated fish.

. Water plants which are essential food for certain fish and birds are destroyed by the concentration

of oxygen depleting algae on the water's surface.

3. The Cuyahoga River in Cleveland has been declared by some to be a fire hazard due to debris and oil slicks.

E. Control of water pollution.

a. Before the 19th century, towns were small and people carried garbage to outskits of town.

carried garbage to outskits of town.
b. Population was sparse and water demands were small.

c. By early 19th century, the growth of cities in the U. S. and Europe led to development of watercarriage system of sewage.

1) Growth of factories attracted more people to cities.

Population increase caused increase in waste.
 As streams became more noxious some cities took action.
 Built waste treatment plants.

2) Two kinds of plants: primary and secondary.

e. At present, population increase resulted in more technical advances.

2. Primary treatment of water.

a. This type of treatment eliminates about 35% of pollutants.

Water is pumped up from the lake through intake cribs.
 Water passes through screen (filter) to catch stilks, rags, solids and other objects.

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Warer Pollution (Cont.)

where sand, gravel and other heavy objects Water flows slowly through "grit chambar"

Water flows into a settling tank where it is first mixed thoroughly by large paddles so that particles will build up in size and weight and drop easily.

settle to bottom as "sludge" and oils rise to top stands from one to 3. hours and heavy solids Mater then flows to settling tank where it as "scum".

Mater between scum and sludge is drained off.

Chemicals are then added to water:

Chlorine - sterilizes water.

Carbon - eliminates odor.

Lime - protects pipes from corrosion.

Aluminum sulfate - collects dirt, microscopic plant growth.

filters where remaining pollutants are screened out. 5) Fluoride for teeth is added. Some plants pass water through huge sand and gravel

Secondary treatment of water.

Water is carried from the settling tanks into filters and "activated sludge".

Bacteria work on dissolved materials in water to destroy organic waste.

This process removes almost all pollutants.

Shortcomings of treatment plants.

Facilities inadequate -- not all water gets treated.

none and waste of sewage is dumped directly into waterways. There are not enough plants: 1/4 of the cities have

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Water Pollution (Cont.)

31% of cities have only primary treatment. 90% of cities have secondary treatment. i i

detergents, radioactivity and certain minerals. Some pollutants cannot be removed, such as e.

No new treatment methods developed in the last

The politics of water pollution.

1. The federal Water Pollution Control Act - 1956.

a. This Act provided a means to sip combat pollution through:

l) Grants ofsfinancial āsšistance to state water pollution control programs.

Grants to communities to assist in construction of waste treatment works.

New federal enforcement authorities.

Research.

Although a good start was made, it became apparent that the program was inadequate to cope with the problem.

Congress amended to Act in 1961.

To broaden assistance to states and communities.

b. To strengthen federal enforcement capability. To expand research and training.

Foderal Water Quality Act - 1965.

Established a separate agency - the Federal Water Poliution Control Administration - to administer existing pollution but to prevent new pollution. an expanded program designed not only to abate

Authorized grants and contract funds to communities or agencies which can demonstrate new methods to control pollution from overflowing of combined sanitary and storm sewers.

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Water Pollution (Cont.)

 c. Provide further financial assistance to municipalities and states affected by pollution on interstate water and outside the political jurisdiction of such communities or states.

 d. Emphasis is given to research in finding ways to reclaim waste waters and otherwise control pollution.

e. Provides for the establishment of water quality standards for interstate and coastal waters across the nation.

. Specifies that the states should have the initial opportunity to develop such standards for the interstate waters within their jurisdiction subject to the approval of the Secretary of interior.

 Emphasizes that such proposed standards shall be developed following public hearings.

Emphasizes that the hearings will provide opportunity for the public to participate in the process by expressing its views about water pollution and stating its desires as to the public uses which the standards of quality adopted should permit.

i. Authorizes to Secretary of Interior to establish standards for interstate and coastal water if a state fails to act effectively, or if it does not act at all. The Water Pollution Control Act of Ohio - 1951.

a. Created a Water Pollution Control Board of five members.

p. This Board has the authority to develop programs for the prevention, control and abatement of water pollution, including investigation, research, education and enforcement.

. The Board can require the construction or modification of sewage and waste disposal systems.

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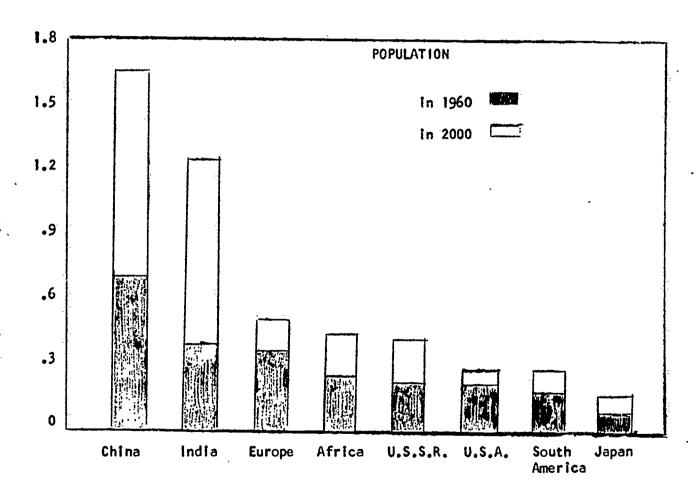
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- Violations are punishable by fines up to \$500 a day, or imprisonment up to a year or both.
- The Board's policy has been to seek compliance first by education and cooperation, using court action only when other methods have ailed.
 - The Board has adopted a procedure which only orders, yet maintains a constant raview and occasionally calls for formal hearings and Board pressure is based on the issuance of steady pressure for pollution abatement.
- treatment facilities) merits renewal of these or satisfactory operation of approved waste Steady progress toward pollution abatement permits to municipalities, industries and other entities for waste discharges. ġ
- permits. Lack of progress results in formal hearings and possible Board legal action.

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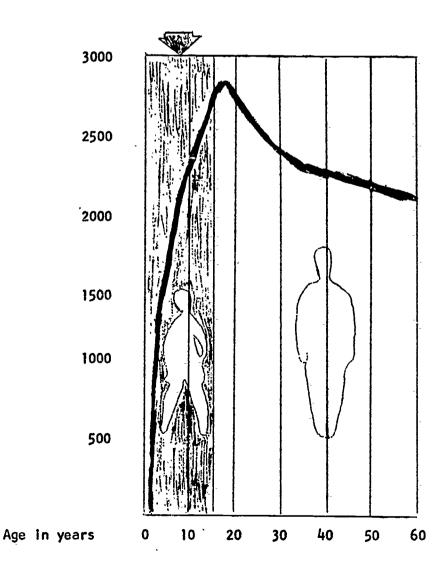
Billions of People .





Calorie Requirements at Differnt Age Levels

Under 15 years Age groups of half the people now living in hungry nations of the world.





Growth in World's Population

vs Increase in Arable Land

> 1965 - 2000 6 Billion 1600-1965 3 Billion To 1600

5% Maximum increase in World's Arable Land

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1V. Population (Excessive population as a cause of the types of pollution already discussed)

MATERIAL See charts in kit.

Although the United States does not at present have a population problem, many parts of the world do. Since the world is inter-related, the problems affecting other nations ultimately affect us. It is thus in our own self-interest to be aware of the problems caused by excess popul tion.

A. A finite earth cannot support an infinite opulation.

1. The world population today is about in beople.

2. Birth rate exceeds the death rate - (350,000 per day born; 178,000 die).

. Doubling time - the time necessary for the population to double in size. The present doubling time is 35 years to reach 7 billion.

B. Food shortages.

1. Half the world is undernourished, 10,000 people die of starvation every day.

 Foor resources must increase 20-35% in underdeveloped areas just to keep up with the birthrate.

3. The deficit in both the total quantity of food a in the very necessary protein will increase unless the rate of population growth is halted. Protein deficiency causes illness in children called kwashiorkor.

4. Solutions:

a. Fortification of corn with other protein sources

Population (Cont.)

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1) Such as cottonseed meal, dry yeast powder and vitamins - called "Icaparina"

Sold and manufactured in Central America. Cost - about 6¢ per pound.

3) Accepted or rejected on the basis of cultural influences.

Macaroni like enriched seeds to be used in place Substituted for bean meal in Nigerian recipes. of rice and substituted in native dishes. ۵.

Simulated meats produced from soy protein. Water plants such as sea kelp - 50-70% protein by weight.

Jse of algae, found in bodies of fresh water, as feed for animals; but to date no economical way to harvest them has been found.

Feed yeast from wood and paper mill wastes.

Growth of yeasts from petroleum products.

Cellulosic wastes such as leaves, grass, corncobs pound, micro-organisms can produce about 250,000 and sugar cane pulp can be converted by micro-ôrganisms into high protein foods. Pound for times more protein from grass than can cattle (as meat and milk).

The refuse problem.

Approximately 5 million tons of garbage and trash are collected every year in New York City. Sanitary land fills require one acre per 10,000 people

for disposal per year; the space isn't available.

5 pounds of refuse per person in 1970.

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4. Approximate direct and indirect amounts of waste for one day's time for the average city dweller:

CONVERTED TO WASTE

REQUIRED

120 gal. of sewage

150 gal. of water 4 lb. of food

4 lbs. of refuse & rubbish

19 lb. of fossil fuel

natural gas, coal) (motor fuel, oil,

(about one-half from vehicles and one-half from heat and .9 lb. of air pollutants

power production)

of paper, 4 million tons of plastics, 48 billion cans 5. Every year Americans throw away over 30 million tons and 26 billion bottles.

Americans are no longer consumers, they are users and discarders. (Ours is not the Space Age - but the Garb-age). છ

D. People and water.

1. See Section 111, part C--Demand for water. 2. Households have increased and with it the demand for water.

Recreation areas are being polluted by careless and wasteful practices of vacationers; not just trash in the water, but oil slicks from motor boats.

E. People and water.

1. 60% or more of the nation's air pollution is from automobiles.

2. Population increase help increase air pollution. Therefore, public transportation is one of the major ways to combat

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Industry

Industry (as a cause of pollution) A. Types of industrial pollution. *:*

Hydrofluoric acid, sodium and calcium fluorides, compounds of arsenic, chlorine, sulfur dioxide, sulfuric acid, hydrochloric acid, and compounds Factories put many pollutants into the air. of zinc and lead.

1) Eighty tons of

Eighty tons of soot per square mile rains down on Manhattan each month.

n one county of upstate New York, one million

tons of pollutants fill the air each year. The city of Chicago counts an average of 43 tons of pollution dustfall per square mile every month.

Each of the major forms of power generation does ts own kind of harm to the environment. ۵.

Fossil fuels-coal and oil produce smoke and sulfur dioxide.

Aydroelectric power requires dams that cover oss by evaporation, and eventually produce up land, spoil wild rivers, increase water valleys full of silt.

inclear power plants produce thermal and adioactive pollution and introduce the probability of disaster. 3

lower use is presently divided about as follows Household and commercial -- 33%. 7

Industrial--42%

Fransportation--24%.

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industrial wastes.

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Phosphorus, initrogen, and other plant nutrients are principal source of overfertilization of rivers, lakes and estuaries.

 Industrial plants are the source of chemical contamination of water.

Oil and tarry substances.

!) Phenolic compounds or other persistent organic chemicals contributing to taste and odor problems.

3) Ammonia and other nitrogenous materials.

4) Phosphorus, suspended matter and highly acidic or alkaline materials.

c. Paper mill wastes is one of the largest causes of pollution.

Much water used in industry which is disposed of after its use in an unclean state.

1400 gallons of water used to make one dollar's worth of steel.

2) 200 gallons used for every dollar, sworth of paper.

3. Agricultural wastes.

a. Much irrigation water is returned to water courses laden with salts, minerals and agricultural chemicals.

1) These are difficult to remove by conventional

i) Incse are difficult to remove by conventional
waste treatment methods.
 b. Animal wastes are a major source of water pollution
entering through surface runoff or underground

 Insecticides and pesticides often contaminate the waterways.

seepage.

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. Mining wastes.

a. Acid mine drainage has polluted many miles of etropas

miles of streams.

tailings were discarded near mine sites.

2) Refining of ores, combustion of coal, production of metalic and non-metalic goods result in much slag, ash and other waste materials.

5. Also see other examples in Sections 1, 11 and 111.

B. The psychology of industrialization.

. The American public estimates progress and growth by amount of material possession families or nations have.

2. The standard of living is based on the amount of luxuries one has. (especially electrical gadgets)

i. The gross national product "measures" growth - it cannot expand indefinitely however, because resources are limited.

4. Most people are willing to accept the bad side effects - i.e. pollution of industrialization - fearing you can't have one without the other.

C. The advertising industry.

. The advertising industry is a critical element in encouraging an economic system committed to growth and thus continually increasing pollution.

2. Two steps are called for:

Honesty in advertising - admitting that detergent is a potential pollutant.

b. Reduction in the amount of advertising which stresses conspicuous consumption

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Industry (Cont.)

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pesticides, airlines, glass containers, lumber advertising of certain chemicals, detergents, company products, mining company products and Some steps have been taken to stop the the furs of endangered species.

Recent advertising is capitalizing on the ecology concern by appealing to our "conservationist" nature. 4

that suds don't cause pollution, the phosphates of fish from drowning and made a lot of kids Shell Oil ad read: "Last year we saved a lot happy". They had removed the sudsing agent from some detergents, but had not explained

Recycling our resources. .

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world's resources per year, but resources are limited. Americans consume about 19 tons (per person) of the

A possible solution to excessive consumption is one of converting the end product back to resources so that there is no "end product" but only a cyclical process.

cycle may not be completed for years or even centuries. At present the use of only five resources, nitrogen, ron, copper, lead and lumber, is in any sense cyclic. o make any resource cyclic, the first requisite is (However, we are beginning to worry about air and water, resources not included in the 19 tons.) large supply of the original resource, since a 'n

bends on new discoveries or on the use of silmmer and Enchantment of the original supply of a resource delimmer reserves of resources. 4.

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discoveries even in the United States have surpassed usage by about 3 percent per year since 1920.

b. Slimmer reserves (oil shale in Colorado and Wyoming) are untapped at present but will extend the oil supply 135 years at present consumption.

c. Coal reserves (new discoveries are not expected in the United States) will last several centuries (500 years' supply under Utah).

d. The world's supply of oil, gas and coal will last about 900 years at present rates of use, but only 200 years at rates expected by the year 2000.

e. After exhaustion of fossil fuels, the combustion products (carbon dioxide and water) may have to be converted back to liquid fuels, first by

atomic energy, and finally by the sun's energy.

In the field of mineral exploration, the reserves get larger every year, because new discoveries in technology allow use of slimmer and slimmer resources.

1. The first copper ores in Michigan contained about 14 percent copper. The content gradually retreated to 2 percent, and the ores now mined in Arizona and Montana, containing 0.9 percent (even as low as 0.5 percent) copper, are still economic.

they contained at least 30 percent from Now taconite ores of 15 percent from a beneficiated and compete with better grade ores from the Mesabi range.

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reserves were so low that it was classified information to conceal a military weakness.

By 1954 the uranium ore reserves were in the millions of tons. Now we have 80 million ton of proven reserves, and the United States government has not been buying uranium ore since 1962.)

To sum up, scarcity of natural resources in the United States has actually been decreasing by 1/3 of 1 percent per year since 1870.

The United States obtains only two important metals completely from our own sources, magnesium and molybdenum. We import substantial quantities of copper, iron, zinc and lead ores and all the tin that we use.

8. We could make our comsumption of metallic ores more nearly cyclic by solving the problems of scrap metal rovery.

scrap metal rovery.

a. Only about 25 percent of scrap iron gets back into circulation.

b. The aluminum industry is not old enough to have formed a large scrap industry. Two-thirds of all the aluminum ever used was made in the last 10 years, and the 30-year cycle of ecovery is not nearly complete.

is not nearly complete.

c. Copper gets back into the stream of usefulness more completely than does any other metal--about 75 percent is recycled over a 35-year period.

d. lead scrap, nearly 500,000 tons per year, comes largely from storage batteries. At present 50 to 60 percent of the lead in use is recycled.

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9. We do such a good job of scattering our metals that someday we may have to lengthen the 30-hour week back to 40 hours and spend 10 hours gathering scrap metal.

10. In conclusion, the total resources of the world might be enough for three times its present population but not at the American rate of consumption and not with our present attitude toward cyclic recovery.

SOME SUGGESTED REPORTING ACTIVITIES

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... ... Vi. Reporting Committee

Findings

The reporting activities listed are to provide possible ways in which the 5 committees can present their research to the rest of the class.

- water pollution that is available. Use this in connection with Make a slide school using any collection of pictures on air or an oral report.
- 2. Invite a guest speaker to speak to the class on some aspect of the committee work. (e.g. A member of the air pollution control board, or a water treatment engineer, or a speaker for the Planned Parenthood Association).
- . Make a scrapbook of current news articles dealing with a committee's area of concer...
- factories and industries in the town are doing about pollution. Present the results of a survey taken to determine what the
- necessary the ads for 'modern conventences' with pictures of the environ-ment destruction caused by the mines and power plants necessar Set up a display of ecologically dishonest advertising. Pair for the existence of the "convenient" appliance. 'n
- 6. Keep a bulletin board of the best examples of ecologically dishonest ads in magazines and newspapers.
- Give a prize to the most contradictory person of the month. Nixon's statements on ending pollution and his go ahead on the Keep a chart of politicians' statements and actions, such as

Vi. Reporting Committee Findings (Cont.)

SOME SUGGESTED REPORTING ACTIVITIES

- Make art and poster displays to enhance the committee reports. œ.
- 9. The usual format for committee reports would be oral or written reports, panel discussions, debates, etc.

VII. Overview

At this juncture, the students will have raised questions concerning the unit, researched answers to these questions and will have reported their findings to the class. It is now desirable that the class look at the original list of questions generated during the second step (II, Raising Questions) to determine if all their questions have been answered, and formulating new questions they would like to answer individually as a result of this unit study.

With the detailed questions answered, the class is now ready to face the broader synthesizing questions which should be posed by the teacher and/or the class. Some of these questions might be:

 is there any way to determine which aspect of the Pollution problem should be given top priority.

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- Whose responsibility is the problem? Federal government, state or local?
- Considering the cost involved, how should it be met and by whom?
- What societal values must be rerevaluated to solve the problem now and prevent it's reoccurrence.
- 5. How does the ecology crisis affect our education system.
- boes the concept of power need to be re-evaluated.



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VIII. Generalizations

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- "Where water is scarce enough to jeopardize the well-being of a community, its control (conversation) becomes a matter of public concern."
- 'Prevention of soil erosion through sound soil management programs will remove soil as a polluting influence on streams." ;
- "Over wide areas men have overstepped the limits of stable, permanent production and in many cases have destroyed the very soil on which they depend."
- "(Since) mineral resources are exhaustible,...only thru wise and careful use can the supply be maintained for use."
- resistant to temperature and moisture extremes, and their protection "Pecent production figures for many...crops...indicate that yields per acre can be increased greatly. The development of hybrids, by chemicals from insects, and other hazards, further increases production." 'n
- water, shelter wildlife, supply material for man's use, add beauty "When forests are protected from fire, insects, disease, and overgrazing of animals, they serve to preserve soil, hold underground to the landscape, and regulate climatic conditions." ٠,
- count on the fruits of their own enterprise has again and again in "Successful reform that puts land in the hands of owners that can acountry after country almost literally turned sands into gold." 7
- "To the extent that human beings discover the nature of the cultural process, they can anticipate, prepare, and--to at least a limited degree--control (their future)." φ.

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- in its vital functions of child bearing and rearing and of personality developmant and fulfillment through homemaking and the maintenance of "The family bears the primary responsibility for human conversation the fami :" way of life for adults and children."
- "A nation that is looking toward permanent greatness and happiness cannot afford to destroy today what (natural resources) future generations will need but cannot reproduce..." <u>٥</u>
- utilization of natural resources is a matter of world-wide concern." "...the education of the public in the conservation and better =
- "Since all natural resources together constitute the indivisible environmental composite...it is impossible to conserve one withcut the regard for others." 12.
- ignorant and reckless exploitation that has ignored the inexorable "Everywhere in the world natural resources have been depleted by nature laws ..hich maintain them." 3

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14. "Factory production brought population congestion."

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IX. Culminating
Activities

LEARNING ACTIVITY

SOME SUGGESTED CULMINATING ACTIVITIES

- invite guest speakers, make posters, distribute information, etc. Develop and stage an ecology teach in for the entire school. (See Ecotactics for suggestions)
- Present the results of the committee research to local civic organizations and the PTA.
- Write letters to the local newspapers, and elected represenatives flocal, state, and national) about the suggested means of combating pollution or in connection with questions discussed in the Overview Section. ښ.
- 4. Volunt.er, as a class, to spend a weekend cleaning up a trashfilled lot or stream bank.

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- Duplicate the list of phosphates in laundry products and distribute the list in the community. δ.
- 6. Participate in local ecologically oriented groups.
- 7. In Connection with the art class, make bumper stickers and buttons to wear and distribute to show where you stand on the pollution problem
- 8. Have an art contest for the best pollution poster or display..

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problem of nationwide concern. National Medical Audiovisual Center, Film Distribution, Chamblee, Ga. 30005 111 Winds On A Sunny Day. 28 min., color. Points out how air pollution has evolved over the past few decades from a relatively simple and obvious smoke problem to a more complex and dangerous

Films: (Cont.)

Ø Shows how certain people feel they have more of right to have children than other groups. Planned Parenthood Organization. Less Than Human. 28 min., sound, black and white.

This film deals with air pollution in the upper . *Lot!srClear The Air. 28 min., black and white. This film deals with air pollution in the upport Valley and focuses particularly on the cities of Steubenville, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Weirton, West Virginia. It presents the major sources of pollution. National Medical Audiovisual Center, Film Distribution, Chamblee, Georgia 30005.

future problem of over-population. Association Films, 600 Grand Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey Shows the over-crowding we are now experienceing and the No Room For Wilderness? 28 min., color.

A Plague On Your Children. 72 min., black and white. This film shows the subtle effect pesticides have on human beings. Peter M. Robeck & Co., 230 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

community's water supply system. It also presents the alarming facts about possible shortages of pure water in the U. S. Modern Talking Picture Service, 1212 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036. 28 min., color. Explains and illustrates the workings of a modern Pure Water And Public Health.

The River Must Give. 25 min., color. The problem of water pollution. It explains how a river purifies itself, and illustrates exactly what happens when a waterway is overloaded with waste.. Shell Film Labrary, 450 North Madison St., Indianopolis, Indiana

old victim of emphysema. National Medical Audivisual Center, Film Distribution, Chamblee, Ga. 3005 threat of air pollution to a young boy's lung and portraying the crippling illness of a two year 25 min., black and white. Features air pollution problems in one of America's The emphasis is on health effects of air pollution, dramadizing the potential? Take A Deep Breath. '

Pull Over America. 15 min., black and white. Presents a summary of the national air pollution problem. on materials, plants and human health. National Medical Audiovisual Center, Film Distribution, It shows some of the principal sources of dirty air, including industrial operations, burning dumps, motor vehicles, combustion of fossil fuels. It describes the effects of air pollution

Films (Cont.)

28 min., color. Is a documentary report to alert and inform the public regarding the Troubled Waters. 28 min., color. Is a documentary report to problem of water pollution in the U. S., Committee on Public Works, U. S. Senate, Room 4204, Washington, D. C.

40 frames, color, script, Popular Science Audo-Visuals, 5235 Ravenwood Avenue, Air Pollution. 40 frames Chicago, Illinois

Establishes urgent need for controlling air pollution. Discusses causes and approaches for solving this critical problem. Steps that are being taken and additional measures now recommended by public health authorities. The part that individual citizens can play in air pollution control.

*** Sarcity--A Basic Economic Problem. 40 frames, color, script, Popular Science Audo-Visuals, Inc.

5235 Ravenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60640.

Implications of economic scarcity in regard to allocation of land, labor and capital, economic development and opportunity costs. Effect of the scarcity principle in different economics, particularly in the market economy.

Water, Water Everywhere. 36 frames, color. McGraw Hill.

Some elementary facts about water are illustrated showing why it is important to man, how we obtain water.

The Water We Drink. 45 frames, color. Young America

polluted water. Descriptions follow of how pure water is obtained from wells, and the process Drawings illustrate various sources of drinking water and explain that disease is spread by of purification used for city water supplies. World Population Patterns, 40 frames, color. Popular Science Audio-Visuals, Inc., 5235 Ravenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60640

Describes trends in world population and considers causes of rapid population expansion. Outlines the consequences of overpopulation, with particular emphasis on the critical need for more food. Discusses projections for future population growth and the need for population control.